

Subject: Bavarian coin scale

Lader, Emil

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3501 Flournoy Street

Chicago, Illinois, January 16, 1938

Mr. Howland Wood

American Numismatic Society

156th Street and Broadway

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I am sending you a full size sketch of a pair of scales and rubbings of the bronze weights, also sketches of the weights at twice the original size. These scales have been in possession of my family for many years; some of my ancestors were miners in the Harz Mountains, Germany, and it is possible that they used them

in connection with their work.

I should like to find out the probable age and period during which these scales were used.

Some time ago I sent these sketches to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., but was advised by J. E. Graf, Associate Director, to apply to you, as you might be in a position to know more about them. Mr. F. A. Taylor, Curator of Engineering at the Institution states that the apparatus is undoubtedly a coin balance, but he is unable to judge as to its age.

I would appreciate it very much if you could furnish me some information about them.

Very truly yours

Emil Lader

\$ 2.003-



February 3, 1938.

Mr. Emil Lader,  
3501 Flourney St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

We are returning, herewith, the pictures of your coin scale. It was made in Bavaria, but I am unable to tell you the exact period. These scales are very interesting but not rare. They can be purchased for from two to three dollars.

Very truly yours,

Wm. L. Clark,  
Assistant Curator.

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Enclosures.